

**SEC. 505. REPEALS.**

(a) NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE ACT.—Section 5 of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Act (20 U.S.C. 1504) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (b) and (c); and  
(2) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and (f) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively.

(b) MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES ACT OF 1996.—Sections 704 through 707 of the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996 (20 U.S.C. 9102 note, 9103 note, and 9105 note) are repealed.

**SEC. 506. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act, except that the amendments made by sections 203, 204, and 305 of this Act shall take effect on October 1, 2003.

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS****COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a hearing on September 11, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.

The Committee will consider S. 432, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System and for other purposes; S. 849, which would provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited partnership; and S. 511, which would provide permanent funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150 prior to the hearing date.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics (202-224-2878) or Meghan Beal (202-224-7556).

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET****COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Friday, August 1, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226 on "Examining the Senate and House Versions of the 'Greater Access to Pharmaceuticals Act'."

**Witness List**

Panel I: The Honorable Timothy J. Muris, Esq., Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Jon

W. Dudas, Deputy Under Secretary for Intellectual Property, Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, Arlington, Virginia; Mr. Dan Troy, Esq., Chief Counsel for Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, MD; and Mr. Sheldon T. Bradshaw, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Mr. Robert Armitage, Vice President and General Counsel, Eli Lilly and Company, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES ACT OF 2003**

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 178, S. 888.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 888) to reauthorize The Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate will consider and pass today a Substitute Amendment to H.R. 13, the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003. This substitute mirrors my bill, S. 888. Since I first introduced this legislation in April with several of my colleagues, it has been a bipartisan process. Over the past several months we have worked to build support for this language, so that today S. 888 has over 50 Senators as cosponsors. I thank my colleagues for their support. I particularly want to thank Senator REED, Senator FRIST, Senator KENNEDY, and Senator ENZI for their efforts.

This bill recognizes the importance of libraries and museums and provides them with continued federal support through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. In addition, it authorizes a doubling of the minimum state allotment under the Grants to State Library Agencies Program, up to \$680,000. That provision allows for an increase, if appropriated, of 50% for New Hampshire's Federal library allotment under the law.

Recognizing the key role that libraries play in fostering the academic achievement of our nation's schoolchildren, the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003 also requires that the director, where appropriate, ensure that the library activities of the IMLS are coordinated with the school library provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Furthermore, this bill increases the indemnity limits in the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act, thereby facilitating the international exchange and display of works of art, books, rare documents and other published materials, artifacts, and films and other

audiovisual media. This will ensure that people throughout the world are exposed to American culture and that our own citizens will have richer educational opportunities available as well.

In addition, S. 888 supports the efforts of President Bush and Mrs. Bush to recruit more librarians by allowing funds to be used for the recruitment of persons in library and information science. Over the next 16 years, America's libraries are projected to lose 58 percent of their professional librarians, and more than one-quarter of all librarians with master's degrees will reach the age of 65 before 2009. This bill will help to alleviate this shortage.

The legislation contains a number of other important provisions. It prohibits projects determined to be obscene from receiving Federal funds, requires the Institute to conduct analyses of the need for museum and library services and the effectiveness of funded projects in meeting those needs, consolidates the library and museum advisory boards into one entity, and prohibits funds appropriated under the Act's authority from being used for library or museum construction.

We have worked hard to reach an agreement on this language with our colleagues in the House, and expect that when the House returns from the August recess, they will pass this bill as well and send it on to the President for his signature. Again, I thank my colleagues for their support of this important legislation.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I strongly support the Museum and Library Services Act. Federal support of museums and libraries is appropriate and often essential to maintain the cultural and educational centers that provide valued resources for communities across the country. These institutions encourage learning, understanding, and respect for others in our diverse society, and their benefits are found in every neighborhood in America.

As technology's role in our society becomes more significant than ever, wider access to the internet and other resources is increasingly important. Greater Federal funding for libraries and museums is especially important when local budgets are so hard-pressed.

This bill supports the use of a wide range of media in both museums and libraries, enhancing access to exhibits and programs, and improving learning in a variety of formats. Library and museum advisory boards are consolidated into one body under this bill as a way to improve networks among museums, schools, and other community organizations.

This bill is intended to increase the efficiency of library services and provide much-needed financial assistance. It encourages library services for people of all backgrounds, especially in under-served urban and rural communities, so that access to technology will be much more widely available to all.